



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Former American Lead Site Neighborhood Population Survey Office of Land Quality

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Please return the Population Survey and the Access Agreement!

Residents and homeowners can assist by returning the Population Survey and the Access Agreement (*two items, enclosed*) using the postage paid envelope (*also enclosed*). Renters can help by sharing this fact sheet and packet with their landlords. For more instructions, see the section below, "**What do we need from you?**"

U.S. EPA websites:

More details about the history of this site and general information about lead can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/americanlead/index.html>

http://www.epaossc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=1819

<http://www2.epa.gov/lead>

Background Information:

American Lead is a company that previously operated a lead smelter at 2102 Hillside Avenue, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Soils at this property and residential neighborhoods that surround it have been sampled in the past by agencies including the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The results of this sampling have shown that lead levels in soil have exceeded U.S. EPA's safety threshold for lead contamination. From 2005 through 2007, U.S. EPA completed a cleanup of certain neighborhoods near the Former American Lead property.

In the summer of 2015, IDEM's Site Investigation Program will be collecting and testing soil in residential yards to provide up-to-date information about lead levels in the soil. IDEM will be conducting the soil sampling and providing the results at no cost to the homeowner.

Current population information is needed to determine the number of people living in the area. The population information and results from the soil sampling will help IDEM and the U.S. EPA determine if any further investigation or action is necessary.

What do we need from you?

- Please complete the Marion County Public Health Department **Population Survey** included in this packet.
- In anticipation of the soil sampling that is being planned during the summer of 2015, IDEM needs to have owner permission to sample soil on private properties.
 - If you are the owner of your home and are willing to let IDEM sample your soil, please complete and sign the **Access Agreement** that is included in this packet.
 - If you are not the property owner (for example, if you are renting the home), please provide your landlord or the property owner with this fact sheet and Access Agreement.
- **IDEM is asking for residents and property owners to complete and return the Population Surveys and Access Agreements by May 31, 2015, using the pre-addressed, postage paid envelope that is also included in the packet.**
- As mentioned in the Access Agreement, IDEM will contact you prior to any soil sampling that occurs on your private property.

Soil Sampling Information:

IDEM will be conducting minimally invasive soil sampling during the summer of 2015. Samples will be taken from the surface to a potential depth of two (2) feet below the surface. The soil will be sampled using a shovel or garden trowel. The grass in your yard will be replaced to as near as original conditions as possible. After the soil sampling is finished, the results from your yard will be mailed to you after they have been received from the laboratory. From the time that the sampling takes place to the time that you get results could take several months. Soil sampling and results will be done at no charge to the property owner.

Additional Information:

If you have any questions concerning the population survey, signing the access agreements, or IDEM's planned sampling in the summer of 2015, please contact Nick Cooper, IDEM Project Manager, at (317) 234-3505; toll free at (800) 451-6027, ext. 4-3505; or, by email, at NCooper1@idem.in.gov.

For questions concerning the health effects of lead, please contact Pam Thevenow, Administrator for the Water Quality and Hazardous Materials Management Program at the Marion County Health Department, at (317) 221-2266 or, by email, at PThevenow@MarionHealth.org.